



Catterline, Kinneff & Dunnottar Community Council

November Meeting Public Agenda

Conducted Online

Tuesday 30th November 2021

Agenda



1. Attendees and Apologies
2. Proposal for Dunnottar Castle Visitor Centre
3. Previous Meeting Action Points
4. Police Update
5. Community Funding and Kincardineshire Development Partnership (KDP)
6. Treasurer Report
7. New Planning Applications and Updates
8. Correspondence
9. Roads and Transport
10. Catterline Braes (CBAG)
11. A.O.B



Attendees and Apologies

Attendees

- Piet voor de Poorte (Chair and Webmaster), Chris Wicks (Vice-Chair), Duncan Grassick (Secretary), Eeva-Kaisa Arter, Cllr Jeff Hutchison, Cllr George Carr, Graham Christie, George Pearson, Kenny MacPherson, Michael Fotheringham, Peter Thain, Steven Park, Stuart Young
- Apologies
 - Phil Murray, Steven Wilson (Treasurer), PC Marc Camus, Duncan Talbert (Planning Secretary),

List of potential attendees – Council members;

Piet voor de Poorte (Chair and Webmaster)

Chris Wicks (Vice-Chair)

Steven Wilson (Treasurer)

Duncan Grassick (Secretary)

Duncan Talbert (Planning Secretary)

Phil Murray

Eeva-Kaisa Arter

Georgie Evans

Other past attendees;

Cllr George Carr, Cllr Jeff Hutchison

Diane Henderson (Aberdeenshire Council)

PC Marc Camus

Scott Begg (UCW Energy)

Dunnottar Castle Visitor Centre

- George Pearson to provide presentation on the proposed developments at Dunnottar Castle

The Pearson family have looked after the Dunnottar site for over 100 years and the visitor site has been 5 years in the planning.

It is planned to be funded through a mixture of equity, debt and a small housing development.

Feasibility studies were carried out for the facility with the ability to view the castle from the centre important – It will contain, along with a viewing area, toilet facilities, restaurant, café space and somewhere to buy tickets for the castle.

It will sit east of the lodge and will not obscure existing views of the castle. Sustainability of the building has been considered which will be fitted with solar panels. Additional parking is to be provided

The housing development will be built to the West next to the A92 although will be accessed from the same road connect to Dunnottar Castle and will consist of 10 properties. Renewable energy such as air source heat pumps, solar thermal panels, and underfloor heat recovery will be considered for the high spec homes.

The centre is expected to create 45 new jobs in total (18 at the centre) and bring in £1.5M to the local economy.

Some questions which were asked and addressed are as follows;

Will there be any Transport upgrades as currently the site is serviced by bus stops on the main road (A92) which do not seem adequate and with no official pathways appears unsafe? The group will be working with Aberdeenshire council to see what options there are in regards to this.

Will there be bus parking at the site? It was confirmed that there will be sufficient dedicated bus spaces available

Any there any plans to hold events at the facility which the local community could utilise? This is the groups plan but will depend on planning permission.

Is there any plans for planting trees? There will be limited trees planted but there will be no less than is already there.



Last meeting action points

- Approval of October meeting minutes
- Treasurer to confirm Upper Criggie wind farm payment dates since contract signed
- Defibrillator update

Minutes of October Meeting Approved: Pieter voor de Poorte

Seconded: Eeva-Kaisa Arter

Application for defib is in the queue with St. Johns and awaiting further news.



Police Report



October report as per below;

- Antisocial Behaviour (48 incidents), Violence and Disorder
 - 23 related to minor disturbances (youth specific) with 25 relating to other antisocial behaviours such as noise and neighbour issues
 - There were 6 assault Crime Files raised within October. All 6 are detected and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
 - There was 0 serious assault reported during October
- Acquisitive Crime
 - 4 thefts in Kincardine and Mearns. All 4 remain undetected
 - There were two commercial housebreakings during October, one in Gourdon where batteries were stolen and the other was David Street Co-Op in Stonehaven where £684 was taken from tills along with Lambert and Butler cigarettes – both are still being investigated
- Road safety & road crime
 - 0 instances of alcohol or drug driving reported
 - 1 Incidents of dangerous driving
 - 3 incidents of careless driving, all of which detected
- New legislation regarding Age of Criminal Responsibility from 8 to 12 years will be implemented in the early part of 2022.

Community Funding and KDP

- Clarification on Upper Criggie funding
- CKDCC Funding Sources
 - <http://kdp.scot>
 - <https://www.avashire.org.uk/funding.html>



Treasurer Report



- Current Account - £7,475.36 (is this now £8,101.36?) – note this includes Upper Criggie Wind Farm money.
- Expenditures
 - 0
- Income
 - 0
- Online banking status to be updated

Treasurer to confirm updated current account amount based on the addition of the Aberdeenshire Council grant.



Planning Applications



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Key Application Points

- During this period, one new application was submitted and four applications were approved.
- Pre-Application response received from Aberdeenshire Council in regard to erection of signage throughout Catterline



Correspondence

- Diane Henderson (Aberdeenshire Council) – Contacted Duncan Grassick to understand how the recent storm affected the area and to offer the councils support to the community, in particular to the more vulnerable.
- Emma Storey (Aberdeenshire Council) – Consultation regarding Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2022 in terms of Developer Obligations and Affordable Housing – views can be sent before 10th Dec to; developerobligations@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

It was raised how the community council appreciated the contact from Diane Henderson at Aberdeenshire Council during the recent storm.



Correspondence

- Ken Duncan (Aberdeenshire Council) – Weekly mobile COVID testing schedule sent out
- Various (Aberdeenshire Council, Scottish Water, SSEN) – Updates and support in relation to Storm Arwen

It was brought up that 'resilience plans' should be in place for events like the recent storm to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum.

Roads and Transport



- Update on road repairs in the area – a Thank You for the support Cllr George Carr provided in order to improve the conditions of some of the local roads

The bridge near Castleton Farm is now moving forward with a replacement.

Rail electrification is also being looked into for the Aberdeen to Edinburgh line.

Catterline Braes & Operandum



- Aberdeenshire Councils Coastal Communities Funding will not be applied for this year.

The survey company which Aberdeenshire Council utilise couldn't provide the necessary information within the required time frame of the fund so decision made postpone application to the following year.

Any Other Business



- £100 Xmas trees for Kinneff and Catterline school

Next meeting Tuesday 25th January 2022

Emma Story could tell us about developer funds available for the area. Usually after local development plan, you can feed the priorities. Ready to go in the new year.
ACTION Duncan – contact Emma

£1.8M investment in Sport and Leisure – vote on the ideas
The swimming pool at Mackie Academy was removed due to ‘Dry Sport’ direction the Scottish Government is taking.